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## *Press Release*

### Randolph man admits to July 4, 2007 murder.

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Jeanmarie Thebaud, DOB 08-20-1990, has admitted to murdering John Lubin at a July 4<sup>th</sup> party in Randolph in 2007 and been sentenced to life in prison.

Norfolk Superior Court Judge Wendie I. Gershengorn accepted Thebaud's guilty plea to second degree murder and firearms charges early this afternoon ( October 20, 2009 ). After hearing impact statements from family members of John Lubin, she sentenced Thebaud, who was 16 at the time of the shooting to life in prison. In Massachusetts , a defendant given a straight life sentence can apply for a parole hearing after serving 15 years.

“This was a decision made in light of the evidence available to us for trial and after discussing it explicitly with the surviving family of John Lubin,” District Attorney William R. Keating said.

Prosecutors were forced to file nolle prosequi withdrawing the indictments against Thebaud's co-defendants, Destin Jean, Kerry Lorquet and older brother Jonathan Thebaud, in September, citing a lack of evidence to proceed to trial.

When Thebaud was arrested at Ft. Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport as he returned from Haiti the month after the shooting, he admitted to firing the shot that killed Lubin as he tried to curry favor and earn “stripes” within a Hyde Park-based gang known as the “Westies.”

Thebaud's defense attorney is John Tardiff.

Thebaud made a statement expressing regret to Lubin's family following the plea.

*Any and all defendants mentioned are legally innocent until proven guilty.*